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## **Cape Cod National Seashore News Release**

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### **CAPE COD STUDENTS TO SPEAK WITH SPACE STATION ASTRONAUTS AS PART OF MARCONI WIRELESS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

A hundred years to the day from Marconi's historic wireless message from Cape Cod across the Atlantic, Cape Cod high school students are scheduled to use radio to reach into the heavens and speak with astronauts aboard the orbiting International Space Station.

The exchange is scheduled to occur as part of the 11:30 a.m. NASA Family Education Program on Saturday, January 18, from the auditorium of the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore in Eastham, Massachusetts. Students from Cape Cod Vocational Technical High School in Harwich, Provincetown High School and Nauset High School will take part.

The students have been preparing for the conversation as part of a Marconi study curriculum offered by the Seashore.

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NASA has arranged the link up as an element of daylong ceremonies marking the centennial of Marconi's historic wireless breakthrough that in turn, sparked a revolution in global communications.

Commander Ken Bowersox is in charge of the space station's Expedition Six crew that includes NASA Science Officer Don Pettit and Russian flight engineer Nikolai Budarin. When the students and astronauts speak, the space station will be orbiting over Hawaii.

Expedition Six's only scheduled space walk began today (January 15) at 7:50 a.m., EST. To follow space station events, go to <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/>.

### **Events Rescheduled**

Because the space station event will take place on Saturday at noon, several other centennial related events have been rescheduled: Princess Elettra Marconi will tour the historic Marconi Site in South Wellfleet at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, after which she will be available informally to the news media. There will be no formal news conference as originally planned. Note that a winter storm is forecast for the Outer Cape on Friday afternoon and evening. There may be some weather-related schedule changes depending on the severity of the storm and travel conditions for presenters.

For an updated schedule of Marconi centennial events, go to: [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco).

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